

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) An air bag comprising:

a rear section and a front section;

a gas inlet disposed in the rear section, and

a connecting piece located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to the rear section;

wherein an outer shell of the air bag is formed by a rear panel having the gas inlet, and a plurality of front panels connected to form the front section, wherein an extending piece extends from one of the front panels into the air bag, the extending piece and the rear section being connected by a mid panel, and wherein the connecting piece is formed by the extending piece and the mid panel; and

wherein the front panels include a front upper panel and a front lower panel and one of the front upper panel and the front lower panel include a body portion and the extending piece formed integrally with the body portion, and wherein an edge of the other of the front upper panel and the front lower panel is connected to a boundary portion between the body portion and the extending piece.

3. (Original) The air bag of claim 2, wherein the extending piece has an opening through which gas circulates.

4. (Original) The air bag of claim 2, wherein a connecting portion between the boundary portion and the edge of the other panel is placed inside the air bag.

5. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 2, wherein a top portion of the front upper panel, side portions on both sides thereof, and side portions on both sides of the front lower panel are positioned on sides of the air bag, the top portion of the front upper panel being connected to the rear panel on an upper surface of the air bag, and the side portions of the front upper panel and the side portions of the front lower panel are connected to the rear panel on sides of the air bag, a lower edge of the front lower panel is connected to the rear panel at a bottom of the air bag.

6. (Original) The air bag of claim 5, wherein a connecting portion between the front upper panel and the rear panel, and a connecting portion between the front lower panel and the rear panel are placed inside the air bag.

7. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 2, wherein the panels are connected together by sewing, and the air bag is reversed through an unsewn portion of the rear panel.

8. (Currently Amended) A passenger-side air bag comprising:

a front section including a pair of front panels forming an exterior surface,

wherein both front panels are positioned to face a torso of a passenger when the air bag deploys;

wherein one of the pair of front panels includes an integrally formed rearward extending section located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to a rear section; and

wherein a seam joining the pair of front panels is located away from the exterior surface so that the seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys.

9. (Original) The air bag of claim 8, wherein the rear section includes a rear panel and a mid panel, the mid panel being connected to the rearward extending section and the rear panel.

10. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 9, wherein the mid panel includes a gas inlet opening for receiving pressurized gas from a gas generator.

11. (Currently Amended) A passenger-side air bag comprising:
a front section including a pair of front panels forming an exterior surface,
wherein both front panels are positioned to face a torso of a passenger when the air bag deploys;

wherein one of the pair of front panels includes a rearward extending section located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to a rear section;

wherein the rear section includes a rear panel and a mid panel, the mid panel being connected to the rearward extending section and the rear panel;

wherein a seam joining the pair of front panels is located away from the exterior surface so that the seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys;

wherein the rearward extending section and the mid panel divide the air bag into upper and lower chambers; and

wherein the rearward extending section includes at least one opening formed therein for allowing gas to pass between the chambers.

12. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 8, wherein the front and rear sections of the air bag are connected together at a connecting seam that is positioned away from an exterior of the air bag so that the connecting seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys.